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Purpose

To establish a policy for the use of Landscape and Lighting Act proceedings (Streets and Highways Code, Section 22500, et seq.) for the installation, operation, and maintenance of street lighting facilities.

Background

In the unincorporated area of the County, public street lighting is provided through the San Diego County Street Lighting District, which was formed September 30, 1987, and became effective July 1, 1988. This is a County-wide District formed under the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, which replaced the previous Lighting Maintenance Districts.

Street lights are installed by developers and maintained through the Lighting District. However, there are older areas of the County which developed before lights were required and where lights are now desirable. Property owners may rectify this situation by forming or annexing to a zone within the Lighting District to install, operate and maintain street lighting improvements.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

FORMATION AND/OR ANNEXATION TO ZONES:

1. Owner Initiative - Property owners may request street lighting by a petition to the Board signed by property owners representing at least 50 percent of the assessments for maintenance of the lights; or
2. Board Initiative - When land has developed without adequate street lighting facilities and where the lack of the facilities constitutes a detriment to public health, safety, and general welfare, the Board may initiate proceedings whereby the area will be required to provide for these facilities when recommended by the Director of Public Works.

COSTS: The total cost of the improvements and incidental expenses, which include but are not limited to, applicable County costs and fees shall be borne entirely by the owners of the benefiting property.

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PROTESTS: The Board of Supervisors will proceed with the project unless protests received at the hearing and not withdrawn exceed the favorable petitions, when both are weighted based on their assessment amounts.

EXCEPTIONS: The Board of Supervisors recognizes that it is not possible to anticipate all situations that may arise and that from time to time the Board may make exception when the application of the policy would result in an unusual and unreasonable hardship.

Procedure

The Director of Public Works will administer all proceedings necessary for the implementation of this policy.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-03.

Board Action

5-30-72 (52)

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12-04-84 (19)

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